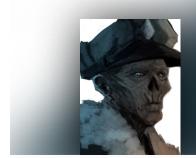


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# The Yangtze (A Fallout 4 Fanfiction)











Chapter 1 by Dick Dickerson

Chapter One

"Lík**ā**i"

"Goodbye, Captain Zao." The Sole Survivor stands by the ladder, which leads to the hatch, which leads to the great Commonwealth.

"Xièxie, once again." Captain Zao grins and watches the Sole Survivor make her way up the ladder. Her combat boots clang against the steps. The hatch opens, and some water pours down into the small ladderway. Zao turns and sets his hands down onto the Yangtze's control panel. The hatch closes, the water begins to slow its dripping, and after a moment, it stops. The Chinese Submarine Captain gives a sigh of relief. His grin turns into a full grown smile, and he starts to laugh uncontrollably. "Shi! Finally!" Zao runs through the bulkhead which separates the main control room from the reactor and yells, "We are going home! Gan bei!" The Captain goes back into the control room as several of his feral crewmates pop their heads out from various nooks and crannies aboard the submarine and grabs a Nuka-Cola from the control panel. He pops the cap off and downs the soda. "Haha!" Zao sits in his worn chair, still grinning. He quickly stands from his seat and gets to work. He flips a few switches, pulls some levers, and

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at him once, and not giving a second look. "Xièxie." Zao looks to the rusty, old ceiling of the sub. A tear drips from his eye, down his skinless cheek. He removes his submariner's hat and stares down at the emblem on the front, a red star, with a skull hanging below it. He puts the hat back on and starts to plot his course to China, his home. "Oh, yes. Shi." Zao presses three buttons, and a small, tactical missile is launched from the Yangtze, to just about where the beautiful American woman who helped him had thrown the homing beacon he had given her. The Yangtze-31 leaves the Commonwealth's coastline and enters the North Atlantic Ocean. After 3 hours of being submerged, and 6 Nuka-Colas later, Zao decides, "Time to sleep." He takes a look a beaten and broken watch out of his Chinese Captain's Jacket's pocket. The watch is stuck at 5:00 pm, the time that the nukes went off in Massachusetts. He starts to walk down to the kitchen from the control room, and from there he walks through the bulkhead and into the crew quarters. He lies down on one of the many beds. Captain Zao stares up at the bunk above him, then, down to another bunk, which was filled with a crewmate's skeleton. Zao stands and carefully moves the group of dusty bones from the cot to the kitchen. He repeats this

Zao gets back to his bed and lies down once more. He starts to think, "Maybe we stop. I bury my family. Zàngl**ĭ**" Zao begins to doze off, then, he falls asleep.

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process with multiple other bodies.



The Yangtze jerks forward and the submarine's Captain, Zao, falls from his cot onto the dirty, wet floor.

His forehead bangs against the floor, pushing the tip of his hat against the metal ground. Zao pushes himself off of the floor and kneels for a moment. The sub jerks once more, and Zao immediately gets to his feet and runs to the control room. He sets his hand down onto the periscope's handlebars, frantically looking around for whatever's knocking on Zao's front door. Another jerk and Zao falls to the floor once again. He gets up and listens for a moment. "Sound comes from reactor." He runs to the large room through the bulkhead which holds the nuclear reactor core, which runs the submarine. Three rather large dents in the sub's hull are gathered on the wall to Zao's right. He quickly removes a modified Chinese Shansi Arsenal .45 ACP Pistol

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going faster, trying to get away. He puts his weapon away, realizing that it was not going to do anything to whatever was out there. The dents stop making their way into the hull. Captain Zao turns the Yangtze around and heads straight in the direction in which it came from. Zao flips two switches and a small missile flows from one of the two small holes in the front of the craft. An explosion is heard from the darkness of the deep sea. Zao rushes to the periscope to see what is or was out there. A screech is just barely audible to the Captain. As the Yangtze gets closer to where the screech originated from, the beast becomes more apparent and visible in the deep dark Atlantic ocean. Zao flips four more switches, and two more missiles shoot from the front of the submarine. They explode and the gigantic creature makes its monstrous screech once more. The Yangtze gets closer, and as it does, more water flows into the reactor core's room on the sub, flooding the floor. Zao is now close enough to the thing that he can see it fully.

A monster of a sea creature swims around in circles with it's great fins, which seem to be like arms, and at the end of the fins, were huge claws, like knives. "Those hurt my Yangtze no more," Zao promises. The Yangtze makes its way through the water in the way of the monster like a pigeon through the air. The sub zooms past the gargantuan abomination and turns around once more, going in for the kill. Zao launches two more missiles, they explode on the monster's tough scales. It lets out another screech, much louder than before. Zao covers the holes which his ears have deformed into. The Yangtze barrels towards the creature. Captain Zao braces for impact and the massive metal home of his makes contact with the monster.

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